



**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
Legislative Committee - Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 11:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME**

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- \_\_\_ Georgia Neblett, Chair
- \_\_\_ Karen O'Connor Urban
- \_\_\_ Mariana Garza

**3. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM, MEETING POSTING CONFIRMATION, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE**

A. Call to order.

B. Establish quorum.

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**10. ADJOURN**

11. Public Notice posting receipt. 10

**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2026**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 11:00 a.m., March 31, 2026 in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A Corpus Christi, Texas.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda Espinoza	Asst. Administrator, Admin. Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Adam Robison	Legal Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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Joel Romo	Legislative Consultant – via Zoom
Patricia Shipton	Legislative Consultant – via Zoom

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LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
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**3. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM, MEETING POSTING CONFIRMATION, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE**

A. Call to order – Georgia Neblett, Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Georgia Neblett at 11:01 a.m.

B. Establish quorum – Georgia Neblett, Chair.

A quorum was present with two members in attendance.

**Georgia Neblett, Chair – PRESENT**

**Karen O'Connor Urban, Member – PRESENT**

**Mariana Garza, Member – ABSENT**

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**No one to speak in Public Comment.**

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A. Approve Legislative Committee Regular Meeting minutes of February 24, 2026.

**Consent Agenda Approved. Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by Georgia Neblett. MOTION CARRIED.**

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A. Receive and discuss reports from Legislative Consultants. (*INFORMATION*)

**Legislative Consultants, Joel Romo and  
Patricia Shipton updated reports on Legislative.**

B. Discuss and consider recommending an amendment or amendments to 90th Texas  
Legislative Session Agenda. (*ACTION*)

**Table Action, to take to discuss at Board Meeting – Regular.  
Motion Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by Georgia Neblett  
Motion Carried.**

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Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

**10. ADJOURN**

**Georgia Neblett. Chair motion to adjourn meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.**

**NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**90th Texas Legislative Session Agenda**  
February 24, 2026

**Summary**

The Nueces County Hospital District supports targeted legislative action to strengthen medical education, expand healthcare workforce capacity, and improve access to behavioral health services in South Texas.

**Countywide Benefits**

- Increased physician retention.
  - Improved behavioral health access.
  - Complemented medical infrastructure.
  - Strengthened medical education pipelines.
  - Enhanced healthcare resilience.
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**I. Graduate Medical Education (GME)**

Support increased investment in GME to expand physician training and retention.

- Increase Medicaid GME supplemental payments
- Fund existing and new residency slots
- Incentivize expansion of training slots
- Support teaching hospitals
- Expand funding through General Revenue and budget riders

**Data Point:**

Nueces County faces persistent physician shortages in primary care and specialty fields, limiting access to care.

**Impact on Nueces County:**

- Expanded local residency and fellowship opportunities.
  - Improved long-term physician retention.
  - Reduced reliance on temporary providers.
  - Enhanced capacity at local teaching hospitals.
  - Greater continuity of care.
  - Stabilized medical workforce pipeline.
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**II. Medical Workforce Development**

Authorize NCHD to address shortages in essential specialties.

- Allow local designation based on community health needs assessments
- Financial incentives: loan repayment, housing support, income guarantees

- Professional protections: malpractice limits and liability protections
- Recruitment supports: relocation and startup assistance
- Require minimum service commitments

Data Point:

Several high-need specialties remain underrepresented in coastal South Texas.

Impact on Nueces County:

- Improved recruitment in shortage specialties.
  - Increased access to essential services.
  - Greater competitiveness for healthcare talent.
  - Reduced patient outmigration.
  - Strengthened provider networks.
  - Enhanced sustainability of service lines.
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### III. Regional Behavioral Health Infrastructure

Expand access to mental health services.

- Establish state-supported regional facilities
- Serve adults, children, and justice-involved populations
- Partner with LMHAs and community providers
- Integrate inpatient, crisis, and outpatient services

Data Point:

Behavioral health wait times in South Texas frequently exceed recommended standards.

Impact on Nueces County:

- Expanded access to behavioral health services.
- Reduced emergency department boarding.
- Shorter wait times for treatment.
- Improved system coordination.
- Better outcomes for high-risk populations.
- Reduced strain on hospitals and first responders.



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Nueces County Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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**Location:**

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The specified NCHD Board of Managers meeting will be held in-person and via videoconference call. Public participation will be available in-person as well as via videoconference call as allowed under the Texas Open Meetings Act ("Act"). It is the intent that a quorum of the Board of Managers or Committee as required for the specified meeting will be physically present at the meeting location posted in this meeting notice. It is also the intent that the Board member presiding over the meeting be physically present for the specified meeting at the meeting location posted in this meeting notice. Any member of the Board of Managers participating by videoconference call will be visible and audible to the public whenever the member is speaking; Board member participation by audio-only is not permitted. Any member of the public wishing to observe or participate in the meeting via videoconference call may do so through the videoconference call meeting Internet link shown on this meeting notice below and via NCHD's BoardBook meeting management system at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1886>.

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